

**Abstract**

A yarn feeder can be stopped at a stopping mechanism and attached to and detached from a holder. The holder is fitted to a front end of a holding arm. The carriage-side holding arm is held by a moving member holding mechanism. The moving member holding mechanism includes a bringing state switching mechanism to switch the bringing state of the moving member by the carriage. The bringing state switching mechanism acts on a coupling portion on the carriage side, and can shift the bringing position of the moving member holding mechanism relative to the carriage and perform the switching to a position where the moving member holding mechanism is not brought. A rail is provided such that the yarn feeder's position does not change even when the moving member holding mechanism is separated from the carriage. The rail is installed to be parallel with a needle bed's longitudinal direction.